

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost* – 10.09.16

PRELUDE.....*Salvation Is Created*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Paul Tchesnokoff Brass Ensemble

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Erik Rasmussen

INTROIT.....*To God be the Glory*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Russell Mauldin Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Erik Rasmussen

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”.....No. 158

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Erik Rasmussen

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Jerry Montgomery

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Be Still My Soul (Finlandia)*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Jean Sibelius/arr. Christina Harmon Mike Scarlato, trumpet
Dave Hardin, trumpet

† SCRIPTURE READING.....II CORINTHIANS 8:1-7.....Erik Rasmussen
New Testament, Page 222 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.*

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CHILDREN’S BLESSING Staci Zeagler
Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service:

- 3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center
- K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary
- 2ND–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

JOYS & CONCERNSDr. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

THE LORD'S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ✠ Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ✠ Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“The Gift of Love”.....No. 408

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Armor of God*.....Chancel Choir
John Ness Beck Brass Ensemble

Congregation Invited to Sing as Directed
Hymn No. 513 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”
Stanzas 1 and 4

† DoxologyNo. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 224 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...GIVE GENEROUSLY**.....Dr. Day

I. First, Generous givers **choose** to have an abundance mentality rather than a scarcity mentality.

II. Second, Generous givers know their happiness is determined by how many people they serve and how well they serve them.

III. Third, Generous givers believe the most valuable gift they have to offer is themselves.

IV. Fourth, Generous givers develop an attitude of humility and gratitude.

V. Finally, Generous givers realize the key to effective giving and living is staying open to receiving.

† HYMN OF INVITATION...“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”....No. 399

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Rhoads

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

BENEDICTION.....Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be With You*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Dale Wood

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on “Amazing Grace”*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
(for the Hour of Power, May 23,1999)
arr. J. Christopher Pardini

ACOLYTES: Emily Anderson (8:30), Ellen Douglas (8:30), Crew Chandler (11:00), Cannon Chandler (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Annie Anderson (8:30), Dixon Poirier (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*